IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

FRIDAY, THE 24TH AUGUST 2007 / 2ND BHADRA 1929

WP(C).No. 26019 of 2007(V)

PETITIONER:

FRANCIS MATHEW, S/O.AUGUSTY MATHEW,
AGED 36 YEARS, RESIDING AT KULANGARATHOTTIL HOUSE,
RAJAPURAM, VATHIKKUDY, IDUKKI DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.JOICE GEORGE

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR IDUKKI,
COLLECTORATE, PAINAVU P.O., IDUKKI.

2. THE VILLAGE OFFICER,
KANJIKKUZHI VILLAGE OFFICE,
KANJIKKUZHI P.O., IDUKKI DISTRICT.

3. VINEESH, KALARIKKAL HOUSE,
PANAMKUTTY P.O., IDUKKI DISTRICT.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. I.V. PRAMOD

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 24/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S. SIRI JAGAN, J.

W.P.(C)NO.26019 OF 2007

DATED THIS THE 24th DAY OF AUGUST, 2007

JUDGMENT

The petitioner's vehicle bearing registration No.KL-08/AE-2641 has been seized on allegations of illegal transportation of river sand. The petitioner submits that although the seizure was on 20.8.07, no final orders have been passed and therefore, the petitioner may be given interim custody of the vehicle.

2. I have heard the learned Government pleader also.

3. In the facts and circumstances of the case, there would be a direction to the 1st respondent to release the vehicle on condition that the petitioner deposits an amount of Rs.25,000/-. This is subject to the further condition that the petitioner shall not alienate or otherwise part with possession of the vehicle until the 1st respondent passes final orders in the matter. The 1st respondent shall pass final orders expeditiously.

The writ petition is disposed of as above.

S. SIRI JAGAN, JUDGE

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